

POTATO CROP MADE BIGGER

POTATO EXPERT TELLS HOW TO INCREASE THIS IMPORTANT CROP.

Use of a seed plot and careful planning can be made to increase the average yield for all Michigan potato growers. The work is comparatively simple, requiring no separate field or elaborate methods.

A few rows in the regular potato field should be planted with selected seed and given good care, such as seed treatment, proper cultivation, spraying, and roguing. Desirable hills can then be selected at digging time for next year's seed plot, and for general planting as well.

From your field run of potatoes in the cellar, select tubers inclined to be oval, flattened, and with shallow eyes. The Rural and Green Mountain strains having the flattened seed tubers, other things being equal, may be expected to be most productive. Pick potatoes for seed plot weighing 6 to 9 oz., and cut into about 4 pieces, splitting the bud eye and discarding any tubers showing discoloration, especially in region of the stem end.

Treat all the seed with corrosive sublimate solution according to directions obtained from your County Agent or from the Michigan Agricultural College.

A good seed bed is essential to the development of normal, good type tubers. It should be loose and deep, well filled with organic matter and handled in such a way that the ground is kept loose, still sufficiently compact to allow capillary action of water to come up from below. Cultivation should keep weeds under control and retain moisture, but prevent any root pruning by late deep cultivation that would seriously decrease the yield.

Careful spraying with home made Bordeaux Mixture, 4-4-50, with a high pressure sprayer so as to keep an armor of copper on both sides of the leaf in order to protect the plants from the injury of the leaf hopper is essential to prevent the introduction of diseases from sick plants to the healthy ones in your seed plot, and also to keep the plants healthy and growing until maturity. For other eating insects, add enough Paris green, arsenate of lead, or calcium arsenate to the spray material to kill the bugs.

During the summer, visit your seed plot frequently and remove all undesirable plants, any variety mixture, or weak undeveloped hills. On these trips, mark the most promising plants and at the harvest time save those which give greatest promise.

(By J. W. Weston, M. A. C. Potato Specialist.)

ELWELL

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Fisher were Alma callers Thursday.

Dr. Brownridge of Riverdale was a professional caller here, Saturday.

Mrs. Wm. Blaisell is spending the week with relatives at Breckenridge.

Mrs. Chas. Havens is on the sick list.

Theodore Strack Jr., is on the sick list.

Miss Dorothy Murphy of Alma High School spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Murphy.

Several from here attended the movies in Alma, Sunday evening.

Ralph Fairchild was a Riverdale caller, Saturday evening.

Chas. Catron was an Alma caller, Saturday.

Earl Woodard was an Alma caller, Thursday.

Chas. Langworthy was an Alma caller, Tuesday.

Mrs. Henry Ohmer Jr., and little son, Bernard of Yale are spending a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ferris and other relatives and friends in this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Turley Grant were callers in Alma one day last week.

John Miller and Clarence Fairchild started Monday with their sheep for their ranch near Long Lake.

Miss Doris Slingloff of Alma, spent the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Slingloff.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Fairchild of Alma, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Fairchild.

Several from here attended the dance at Riverdale Saturday evening.

LEWIS DISTRICT

Violet Parks has been visiting her sister near Alma.

Mrs. Francis Beard has been helping Mrs. James Eisenlord with housecleaning.

James McFaul and family, Arthur McFaul, wife and mother, Charlie Curtis and mother and Mrs. Gleason, all on the Davis district, spent Sunday at Guy Hibners.

Louie Murwin and family and Mrs. Ed. Winn of Alma, were callers at Pearl Beards, Sunday.

The whole community was saddened, last Tuesday to hear of the death of Mrs. Ida Murwin, of Arcadia. She will be greatly missed as she always had a smile and a kind word for everyone. Funeral services were held in Alma, Friday afternoon at the Methodist church and interment was made in Riverside cemetery.

The scratch pads for sale at the Record office are handy and just the thing for the grocery list—advertisement.

Spokes Around The Hub

Want New School—A school meeting has been called in St. Johns for Friday evening by the board of education to designate a new school site. That city is hoping to have a new school in the near future.

Claims Shelters Did It—Officers investigating the crash on the railroad at St. Johns May 10 when a Grand Trunk train crashed into an open switch, claim that Jay Shoulters had been tampering with the switch. He has been arrested and bound over to circuit court for trial. Bail was set at \$5,000.

Kicked by Horse—Audley Lucas, ten year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lucas of Riverdale, was kicked in the face by a horse and very badly injured, while he was watching the horse, which was grazing on the school grounds.

A Birthday Gift—Noble Smith of Midland, on his eighteenth birthday, was taken from Midland to the reformatory at Ionia, for breaking into a store in that city.

Gas Rate Set—The Michigan Public Utilities Commission has set a new gas rate for the gas company at Easton Rapids. The plant had been operating for a year under a temporary rate of \$1.85. This has now been made permanent by the commission.

Rebuilding System—Work has been started by the Union Telephone Company and the Central Michigan Light & Power company, which are rebuilding their outside plants at Mt. Pleasant. It is expected that 1,000 less telephone and light poles will be used than formerly.

Moonshine Caught—The moonshine is said to be responsible for the death of Charles O'Brien, of Grant township, Chas. County, who died last week. Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Courtney and Julius Howietz are being held by officers in connection with the case. It is said that O'Brien secured the moonshine from Mr. and Mrs. Courtney, who had purchased it, reports say, from Howietz.

VESTABURG

Miss Vesta Griffith, daughter of Mrs. Benjamin Borden of Vestaburg, and Samuel Crawford of Lansing surprised their friends by going to Alma, Saturday, May 20th and being quietly united in marriage by the pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Alma. The happy couple were attended by Olive Wilson and Wm. Wilson of Alma. Mrs. Crawford has been working in Buffalo, N. Y., for some time and came home, May 15th to visit her mother and step father, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Borden of Vestaburg. Mr. and Mrs. Crawford will make their home in Lansing. They returned to Vestaburg after their marriage and autoed to Lansing, Sunday. Mrs. Crawford returned to Vestaburg Monday and after a few weeks visit at Buffalo, will be at home to her many friends in Lansing.

The Vestaburg base ball team of young men who defeated the Riverdale team by a score of 29 to 5 when they came to Vestaburg, went to Riverdale, Saturday afternoon and played base ball, winning from Riverdale by a score of 9 to 3.

On account of the rainy weather, the Montcalm County Athletic association postponed the High school track meet until Saturday, May 27th, when it will be held at Stanton.

Mr. and Mrs. and Mrs. Benjamin Borden and her daughter, Mrs. Vesta Crawford were in Alma, Monday.

Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Tanner and grandson, Lawrence Mack, autoed near Winn Sunday to attend preaching services at the Delo and visit old friends.

Charles Nickerson and wife came home from Lansing Saturday.

PERRY SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are glad for the continued interest in our services at the Perry School house, located four miles south of Alma on the cemetery road. We are looking for the interest to increase. Next Sunday afternoon, a lady evangelist is expected to address the school after classes. Sunday school at 3 p. m. Preaching to follow Sunday school by Rev. E. Melott of Alma.

Frank Clifford, Supt.

ALL WORN OUT

Does morning find you with a lame, stiff and aching back? Are you tired all the time—find work a burden? Have you suspected your kidneys? Alma people endorse Doan's Kidney Pills. You can rely on their statements.

Mrs. T. H. Elliget, 427 E. Downie St., Alma, says: "About eighteen years ago I suffered with my kidneys and back. When I was stooped I had to straighten by inches, as severe pains darted all through my back. My back got so bad that when I washed dishes, I couldn't empty the pan but had to have someone do it for me. I had severe headaches and specks floated in front of my eyes. My kidneys were in such a poor condition I always felt tired, weak and worn-out but a friend saw my condition and recommended Doan's Kidney Pills. I bought a few boxes of Doan's and they surely did grand work. I have felt fine since Doan's cured me."

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Elliget had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.—52-2w

PRIMITIVE LOT IN BALKANS

Albanians, Montenegrins, and Serbs Alike in Their Ignorance of the Outside World.

The tugboat which forms the only means of communication between the Albanian city of Scutari, at the southern end of Lake Scutari, and the Montenegrin town of Pavionitza, at the northern end of the lake, is a 1-lunged affair subject to fainting spells and long trances.

It carries a varied assortment of humanity, ranging from Albanians traveling up the lake in full regalia to shoot up undesirable acquaintances or something, up to the veiled ladies with bright red finger nails and Montenegrins in scarlet bolero jackets and blue golf pants who have just been down the lake to murder someone they dislike or something.

An Albanian in native dress resembles a character from the rajah of glumshoo of the prince of malarin, while a Montenegrin togged out in his national garb looks more like a cross between a member of the Chicago White Sox in traveling uniform and Lord Whiffles on a Scotch whin shooting expedition.

Two Serbian soldiers came aboard the boat from one of the mountain garrisons where the Serbs were waiting impatiently to jump over into Albania and grab all the territory they could grab. Their rifles were dirty and rusted in spots; their uniforms were foul with dirt and frayed and torn in numerous places. Between their boot tops and the bottom of their slovenly wound spiral putties was a 1-inch hiatus which showed clearly that they were wearing no stockings. A two weeks' growth of beard decorated their faces.

At lunch time they pulled loaves of sour gray bread from the pockets of their dilapidated overcoats and gnawed at them wolfishly. I offered one of them a cake of chocolate. He took it, looked it all over with the greatest care, sniffed of it suspiciously and then looked helplessly at his companion. His companion broke off half the cake, sniffed it carefully in turn and then touched his tongue to it very gingerly. No harm resulted, so he nibbled at a corner. Then he gave his companion the high sign and they both went to eating it—a nibble of chocolate and then a bite of loaf. Both men were about twenty-five years old and had never seen a piece of chocolate before.—Kenneth L. Roberts in the Saturday Evening Post.

"All Bound Round"

"Dear, funny old Mammy Lou," said the pretty girl in the squirrel furs as she seated herself in front of the Woman in the bus. "She still clings to the remedies she used years ago down in Alabama."

"Is she ill?" inquired her companion.

"Yes, poor thing. She sent for me to go to see her. Said she had mis'ry pow'ful bad! When I got there she complained of a sore throat, and I really believe she has tonsillitis."

"She looked just too comical. She wasn't wearing a cap as she usually does, but her hair was drawn high on her head, and from the ends of it down close to her scalp it was bound round and round with string, so tightly pulled I thought the skin of her scalp would crack."

"I asked her, 'For goodness sake, mammy, whatever have you done to your head?'"

"Ah reckon it looks queer," she whispered huskily, "but ah pulls much hair often mah head and ties it this way so's 'o hold up mah soft palate!" —Chicago Journal.

Important Matter Settled.

The discovery of an alligator fossil in the shale rock of Bay de Noc is considered by geologists to prove that this peninsula was not created until fish and other forms of animal life had begun to exist in the waters thereabouts. This must bring a great deal of satisfaction to the people living there. Scientists had asserted recently that the peninsula was formed previous to the fish era, and was therefore quite old. It seems probable now that the place was created, say, only 400,000,000 years ago, instead of 500,000,000 years ago. So the people need no longer apologize for not having a place just as new and up-to-date as any of us.—Detroit News.

Women Leave Cambridge.

As a result of the action of the senate of Cambridge university denying woman students equal privileges and rights with men, some women are leaving for Oxford, where the status of the sexes is equal. According to the decision of the senate, the students of Girton and Newham colleges may not become members of the university, although they are entitled to titular degrees conferred by diploma. A compromise measure, under which women were to be admitted to a limited membership, including eligibility to professorship with restrictions and a measure of self-government, was defeated by the vote of the university senate.

"Mechanic" Vs. "Engineer."

Defending the word "engineer" is part of the work of the American Association of Engineers, according to C. E. Dwyer, secretary. A corporation using "engineer" when it meant "mechanic." The engineers' organization brought about a change in the title. In connection with protecting the competent engineer "from unjust competition of dabblers and quacks," the association aided in the passing of licensing laws in eight states during the past year.

Each Man's Rights Limited.

Every man must work out his own salvation, but in doing so must recognize that millions of other men are doing the same thing and have rights as well as he. Therefore, what he does must not unnecessarily interfere with what they are doing.

Biggest Tire Values Ever Offered

NEW
LOW
PRICES

FEDERAL
Extra Service Tires

30
x
3½



Attractive prices on all other sizes

BEST QUALITY—LOWEST PRICES

Start the season right! Outfit your car with these standard quality tires at the wonderfully low prices offered. Four types to select from. New stock just received.

Alma Tire & Sport Shop

408 Woodworth Ave.

M. ELLISON, Prop.

Phone 517

A wonderful opportunity



This is your opportunity to place a new GREAT MAJESTIC RANGE in your kitchen at a real bargain

Look at these two fine sets of cooking utensils! Either set may be yours absolutely without cost, just for deciding to buy your Great Majestic Range this week instead of later.

Polished Solid Copper Set

The set illustrated at top of this advertisement is of pure heavy copper, highly polished and of exquisite design. Every woman falls in love with it on sight—don't fail to drop in and see it.

Special Majestic Ware

This wonderful serviceable ware, illustrated to the right, is well known by thousands and thousands of Majestic Range users. It is the highly prized, extra heavy, old time Majestic Set, the same as furnished before the war.

GREAT MAJESTIC RANGE DEMONSTRATION

MAY 29 TO JUNE 3

Don't put up any longer with that half-satisfactory or played-out stove or range. Here is your opportunity to get a Great Majestic Range, one you will be proud of, at our latest after-war reduced prices. The cooking utensils are thrown in absolutely free, during this week only. It is the opportunity you have long looked for to get the range you have often dreamed of. You will be money ahead by taking advantage of this special offer now.

Come to our demonstration while the factory man is with us. We want you to see the New and Beautiful Majestic, and know why it is so highly recommended by over a million users. Let the factory man show you just how and of what the Majestic is built. You will marvel at the difference between this "Range with a Reputation" and other flashy and new-fangled ranges. Majestic Ranges are made in many styles and sizes—reservoir on right or left—white, blue or grey enameled finish.

The Good Wife Deserves a New Majestic in her Kitchen

It lessens her work and worry. Its exquisite beauty, great water heating and baking qualities give joy and happiness to the whole family three times a day, every day in the year, for years to come. Certainly this is worth considering when you know the Majestic costs less per year than any other range on earth.

Free to Boys and Girls

We will have a quantity of interesting Majestic word puzzles, from which you will get bushels of fun. Come to our store between

3:30 and 4:30 P. M. Monday and get one. Every boy and girl is welcome.

EARL C. CLAPP

The Winchester Store